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SUBJECT: PAKINTANI AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND

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1. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR SAJJAD HYDER IS AN EXPERIENCED AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT, HAVING SERVED IN HIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN SERVICE SINCE IT BEGAN IN 1947. HE HAD HELD A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC POSTS INCLUDING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON 1957-59, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON 1959-61, AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ 1961-65, AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT 1965-68, HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INDIA 1968-71. HE RETURNED TO ISLAMABAD FROM NEW DELHI BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF THE INDO-PAK-BANGLADESH WAR AND WAS POSTED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG IN APRIL 1972. HE SERVED THERE UNTIL BEING ASSIGNED TO MOSCOW IN MID-1975.

2. AMBASSADOR HYDER (AGE 56) IS A TALL, DIGNIFIED RATHER QUIET MAN, WHO HAS STRONG OPINIONS ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS. HE AND HIS WIFE SEEM MOST FRIENDLY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES. HE HYDERS HAVE A DAUGHTER AND SON STUDYING IN ENGLAND AND A SON IN THE PAKISTANI FOREIGN SERVICE.
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